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SUBJ: VISIT OF IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER TO SENEGAL

SUMMARY. FOR SENEGAL SIGNIFICANCE RECENTLY CONCLUDED VISIT PRIME MINISTER AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA TO SENEGAL LIES IN POTENTIAL FOR SUPPLY IRANIAN CRUDE FOR SENEGALESE REFINERY PROJECT AND FOR CONTINUED IRANIAN ECONOMIC ASSIUZANCE.

1. IN LIEU VISIT BY SHAH IRAN, APPARENTLY CALLED OFF FOR SECURITY REASONS, PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA JUST COMPLETED FOUR DAY VISIT SENEGAL. HE ACCOMPANIED BY SADEGH SADRIYAH, DIRECTOR GENERAL, IRANIAN FONMIN, ALI AKBAR SHAHBAZI, DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN DEPT FORMIN AND FARHAD SEPHBODI, MINISTER COUNSELOR. IRANIANS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO MAKE THEIR VISIT EXCEPTIONAL, FLYING IN EXPOSITION ON EVOLUTION OF IRAN WHIC MINSTALLED BY IRANIAN
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LARGE RECEPTION.

2. SENEGALESE TOO DID THEIR BEST TO PUT ON IMPRESSIVE SHOW, ACCORDING HOVEYDA ATTENTION NORMALLY ONLY RESERVED FOR CHIEF OF STATE. PRESIDENT AND PRIME MIN OFFERED DINNERS. SPECIAL EDITION OF LE SOLEIL PRINTED HONORING IRAN. OTHER MEDIA COVERAGE ALSO HIGH. FULL SCHEDULE WORKING MEETINGS WITH PRIME MIN DIOUF, LOUIS ALEXANDRENNE, MIN OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. OTHERS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY TOURS SENEGALESE CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ECHOED STANDARD THIRD-WORLD SENTIMENTS ON RACISM IN AFRICA, NEED FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FROM DEVELOPED STATES, AND STRICT APPLICATION OF RESOLUTION 242 IN MIDDLE EAST.

TWO PARTIES ALSO REAFFIRMED "SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO FREELY DISPOSE OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES". PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND PRIME MIN DIOUF WELCOMED PROPOSAL OF SHAH TO CREATE BANK WITH CAPITAL SUPPLIED BY IRAN AND OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. PENDING ESTABLISHMENT BANK, COMMUNIQUE NOTED, SHAH LOOKS TOWARDS THE GRANTING OF ADEQUATE FUNDS-BY WHO UNSPECIFIED-TO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS IBRD AND IMF. PRIME MIN IRAN DECLARED HIS COUNTRY READY PARTICIPATE IN REALIZATION SENEGALESE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. IN THIS CONNECTION TWO COUNTRIES WOULD EXCHANGE VISITS BETWEEN DELEGATION OF IRANIAN MINPLAN AND SENEGALESE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

COMMENT: IRAN LAST YEAR ACCORDED CREDIT OF TWO AND ONE QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS TO SENEGAL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH PROBABLY PROVIDES FINANCING FOR PARTICIPATION REFERRED TO BY PRIME MIN. MORE IMPORTANT FOR SENEGAL IS SECURING OF IRANIAN CRUDE FOR ITS MAMMOTH OIL REFINERY PROJECT (SEPTTEL). WHICH SENGHOR WOULD LIKE PROMOTE STRONG FLOW OIL AND MONEY FROM IRAN, HE ALSO NO DOUBT FINDS IRANIANS, AND SHAH IN PARTICULAR, COMPATIBLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARTNERS.

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